of the central shoots were cut, the full crown was again formed in two to two and a half years time. The trees were liable to re-infestation even after the above operations. These operations are carried on now also wherever such infestations of pests are observed. These operations are carried on through the agency of the Entomologist and Scientific Fieldman.

(7) Yes. The Economic Botanist. He is a Graduate in Arts and Agriculture and had special training in Mycology at the Imperial Research Institute, Pusa. Regarding the control of Pests, the expert employed is the Entomologist. He is a Graduate in arts and Agriculture and has undergone post-graduate course in Entomology.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—In the answer it is said that the disease is slightly on the increase. I want to know to what extent?

Mr. President.—To a slight extent, I suppose.

Cocoanut industry in the State—Improvements to.

114. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** (*Vyttila*).— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what steps, if any, they have taken to improve the market price of cocoanuts and cocoanut products and oil due to competion from Ceylon;

(2) (a) have the attention of the Government been drawn to the proceedings of the All Kerala Cocoanut Growers' Conference held recently at Karunagapilli under the Presidency of the Hon'ble V. I Muniswami Pillay;

(b) if so, whether the Cochin Government intend taking action on the resolutions passed and the observations made by the President and by Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Ayyar who opened the Conference as essential steps to be taken to protect the Cocoanut industry in Cochin and other parts of Kerala; if so; in what shapes;

(3) has any application been made to the Government to appoint a Cocoanut Board in Cochin; if so, has it been complied with;

(4) has any marketing society of cocoanut growers in the State been organised in the State; it not, why not; has any propaganda on this subject been carried on by the Department of Co-operation; if so, in what shape?

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Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—(1) Government of India have been requested to take necessary steps in the matter.

(2) (a) Yes.

(b) As this Government have already addressed the Government of India, they do not intend to take any further action in the matter.

(3) No.

(4) No. There was no request from the public. It is not the policy of the Department to thrust Societies on the public. Unless there is a keen need for a Society, really felt by the public, there is little chance of its succeeding. Hence there is no necessity for propaganda.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Have any attempt been made to make the public understand the usefulness of Marketing Societies?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—We have passed the stage of making people understand what it is. So no propaganda is carried on.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Do you mean to say that propaganda is necessary?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—With reference to the answer to 2 (b) what results have followed?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—It is pending consideration.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—When was the request made, the approximate date?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—About a year.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—Ever since, the Government has not thought to approach the Government of India?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—Our Government have repeatedly requested the Government of India. For the information of the Hon'ble Member I would even submit here that our Diwan himself has prepared a scheme and submitted to the Government of India for

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consideration. And I may assure the Government are not a bit behind them in their interest.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—The last request was one year back?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Cooperative Societies).*—Our Government alone cannot do much in the matter.

Chalakkudi-Mala road—work—completion of.

115. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of the unsatisfactory condition of Chalakkudi Mala Road;

(b) why is the completion of this Road delayed so long;

(c) considering the importance of this road, has the Engineering Department been asked to take up this work?

Dr. A. R. Poduval *(Offg. Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) For want of funds.

(c) No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—In consideration of the importance of the work, is it not better to entrust it to the Public Works Department itself? I think it is highly necessary.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—It is a Panchayat road.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—The road is 7 miles long and the middle portion of nearly 2½ miles alone is under the Panchayat.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—We have not been asked to take up that work.

Land acquisition—Chazhur Panchayat.

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